

# Troopers Arrest Harrington Man on Weapons Charges-Dover

**Dover**— The Delaware State Police have arrested 41-year-old **Paul L. Ridenour** of Harrington, DE, on weapons charges after a traffic stop led to the discovery of a firearm.

The incident occurred on May 6, 2020 at approximately 12:58 a.m., when a Trooper observed a white Ford van traveling on N. Dupont Highway, Dover, above the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the male driver and front seat passenger, later identified as **Paul L. Ridenour**. Ridenour initially provided the Trooper with a false identification. After being detained, Troopers discovered a sock on the front passenger's seat containing (19) 9mm bullets. Also discovered on the rear floor board of the vehicle was a 9mm Smith & Wesson handgun loaded with one round in the chamber and five additional rounds in the magazine.

A computer inquiry revealed that Ridenour was a person prohibited and had an active capias. He was transported back to Troop 9 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited (2 counts)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon A Firearm
- Criminal Impersonation

Ridenour was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$28500.00 secured bond.

The 49-year-old male driver was issued a traffic citation for speeding (misdemeanor) and released.

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